(ii) Implementation of certain specialised technologies such as extended reach drilling, Horizontal and Drain Hole Drilling.

(iii) Obtaining services of international experts wherever considered necessary.

(iv) Implementation of new projects|schemes.

(v) Drilling of development and infill wells and putting them on production in quickest possible period.

(vi) Maintenance of reservoir health by appropriate pressure maintenance methods, work-over jobs and optimisation of production.

(vii) Offering sme medium-small sized fields to JVC|private parties by Government.

Loan from Asian Development Bank to GAIL

525. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take A.D.B. loan for Gas Authority of India Ltd. for pipeline network to distribute natural Gas from Oman;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the loan is expected to be received; and

(c) what is the total expenditure likely to be incurred by Government on this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) The domestic pipeline network is estimated to cost Rs. 7400 crores. Funds will be tied up only after the detailed project reports are drawn up.

Recruitment, promotion and transfer policy of IRCON

526. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Railways Construction Co. Ltd. (IRCON) was set up in the year 1976 but till today it has no proper recruitment, transfer and promotion policies of its own;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government are contemplating to look into this; if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Discontinuation of New Delhi Chandigarh Shatabdi Express

527 SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken a decision to discontinue the Shatabdi Express from New Delhi-Chandigarh-New Delhi from January 1995; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.